

Washington State Federation of Democratic Women/

Washington State Democratic Women's Caucus

Sept. 9, 2017

South Seattle Community College

Attendance: 25

Approval of minutes & Correspondence- Secretary Megan Richie M/S/P

Treasurer Report-Paul McLain- DUES: \$10 Member at-Large \$5 Affiliated Club

Heritage Bank started charging \$5 each for both online and paper statements for a total of \$10 a month. Motion to move account from Heritage Bank to another financial institution (TBD). **M/S/P (this has since been resolved and there will be no change of financial institution)**

Update – Signatories on the account will be the newly elected Vice Presidents (Megan Richie and Susan Herring), the newly elected Secretary (Ann Parks), and the treasurer (Paul McLain). Any prior signatories not listed are to be removed.

At the June Mtg. E-board voted to send \$35.00 in Joyce Ackley Gillie's name to Zonta International Foundation. Receipt was received Sept. 1, 2017

WSFDW sent 100.00 to Georgia chapter who hosted the National Convention and had put out a request for help.

Elections: All Passed Unanimous, voting members present 15

- President- Carin Chase
- 1st VP- Megan Richie
- 2nd VP- Susan Herring
- Secretary- Ann Parks
- Treasurer- Paul McLain
- Past President- Donna McLain

All newly elected officers assumed their responsibilities immediately.

Club Reports-Chairs or Representatives

Clark County-3 people present (124 members= 11 delegates + chair)

-Club passed new By-laws, held a Candidate Training in July, very well received and will be providing 101 training for women candidates on odd years and 201 training on even years. Women's day equity event was a success. Multiple speakers. Continual efforts to get membership increase.

Cowlitz County- 5 members present (65 members 6 delegates + chair)

-Club is supporting multiple women candidates in local races. Multiple candidate forums

Ferry County-0 present

Shoreline County- 2 present (16 members, 1 delegate + chair)

-club adopted resolution defending PP, and supporting local candidate who supports WSDFW platform.

Spokane County-0 present

Thurston County- 3 present (28 members, 2 Delegates + chair)

-candidate forum in May, pay equity event in June, July club supported Karen Fraser who started a PAC, Endorsements in Aug. and next mtg will be on Climate change and club will show a movie.

Whatcom County- 1 present

At-Large Members 1 present (10 members, 1 delegate)

Resolutions:

1-Resolution regarding Anti-Choice candidates: **Motion:** To publicly reject the anti-choice policy and instead adopt the policy of the DNC, until this is done we advise members to contribute directly to pro-choice candidates rather than DCCC.

Action: **M/S/P**

2-WSFDW Charter Review: **Motion:** The body move to accept the charter review and amendments. WSFDW is supporting the changes to the charter and bylaw amendments. This will be a topic of discussion.

3-Fish escapement resolution: Imposing a fine to the responsible party who irresponsibly released farm raised fish. Local Indian tribes have declared an environmental emergency. Washington is the only state to allow farm raised fish therefore, we call for restitution for the damage the released fish is causing our environment. **Motion:** To support the Native American Caucus resolution recommendation of restitution to those responsible for the damage. **M/S/P**

4-Kalama Methanol Facility:

WSFDW is recommending support in the resolution to reject the proposed methanol facility. **M/S/P**

5- I-940 De-Escalate Washington State

Requiring Law enforcement officers to participate in non-violent de-escalation training.

Motion: to endorse I-940 De-escalate Washington campaign.

M/S/P

NFDW News- Kathy Lawrence

NFDW is a PAC that helps women who run for political office. Natalie Cleveland received the 2016-17 Internship to D.C. Currently, NFDW is being showcased in the Library of Congress for their projects like Women in Blue, Women's Day of Equality, etc. Very exciting to see the history on display. If you would like to submit pictures or fun stories of your chapter to The Communicator (NFDW Newsletter) the deadline is Nov. 1st and you can send it to NFDW.com

Our next 2018 Annual NFDW convention is June 8-11th in Tempe, Arizona. Washington state has 20 votes available for the NFDW and all are encouraged to go and experience the Federation of Democratic Women on a national level.

Women's Caucus

Andrew from WA Dem; Rules, asking WSFDW to decide if our group would like to identify as a Council instead of a Caucus within the WA Dem charter process. He will be sending the group a copy of the draft of changes and how to proceed for next meeting. Any questions-
andrew@effectivedemocrats.org

New Business:

Endorsement Procedure Committee- No current by-law on this process.

Blue Lobby Day-2nd VP will coordinate with e-board

Motion to endorse 45th State Senate candidate Manka Dhingra. **M/S/P**

Adjourn 11:35am

Respectfully,



Ann E. Parks
WSFDW Secretary



Carin Chase
WSFDW President

NEXT WSFDW MEETING

January 2018